

Wise County Board of Supervisors



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Ms. Martha Mavredes
Auditor of Public Accounts
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Re: Failure to provide transmittal data and audit

Dear Ms. Mavredes:

The County of Wise expresses great regret at the fact that there was a failure to provide timely transmittal data from the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Audit. I regret to inform you that Larry Sturgill's lead auditor, Jeannie Stallard, very unexpectedly passed away on November 12th. Larry Sturgill asked to be released from the audit contract due to this event as well as the death of his father in early November. Jeannie Stallard, Larry Sturgill's Staff and County Staff and Management have worked diligently toward completing the audit on November 30th.

We have subsequently reviewed our prior procurement for the audit and are currently in negotiations with a firm that has committed to begin the audit on January 6th and complete the audit by February 15th. We will very likely award the contract at our Board of Supervisors meeting on December 12th. I will follow up with you to inform you of that contract award as well as a copy of the contract upon completion.

As indicated above, Larry Sturgill's Office, The Wise County Administrators' Office, Wise County Treasurer, and the Wise County School System have all worked very hard to complete their work so as not to miss the deadline and understand the importance of meeting the deadline. As indicated above, the situation is most certainly beyond the control of the parties involved.

Upon receipt, should you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact myself or Larry Sturgill, CPA. Wise County appreciates your understanding of our circumstances.

Sincerely Yours,

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cc Robert Adkins, Wise County Board of Supervisors Chairman
Larry Sturgill, CPA
Shannon Scott, County Administrator
Karen Mullins, County Attorney